

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

In the past 5 years... The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$6,983,500** in grants in **Colorado**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Colorado added **4.4%**, or **\$14.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Colorado's arts and cultural industries employ **103,274** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$7.2 billion**.
- **44.4%** of Colorado's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **30.1%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **138 participating museums** in Colorado.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Colorado, over **10,780 students** participated from among **89** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **190** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **17,830** adults and students in Colorado.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Colorado to offer **6,500** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers. Fort Carson is participating in this innovative program.



2019 Agency Calendar of Events

Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)

June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21

National Book Festival: 8/31

National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20

October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25



NOTEWORTHY

Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

CO-1

Denver Firefighters Museum
St. Martin's Chamber Choir
Rocky Mountain Children's Choir
New Dance Theatre
Colorado Hebrew Chorale

CO-2

Boulder Ballet
Opera Fort Collins
The Vail Jazz Foundation
Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave
Estes Park Music Festival

CO-3

Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority
Crested Butte Music Festival
Tulluride School District
San Luis Valley Museum
Durango Arts Center

CO-4

Wray Museum
Big Timbers Museum
City of Trinidad
Longmont Museum
Ponderosa High School

CO-5

The DaVinci Academy
World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame
Pikes Peak Arts Council
Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
McAllister House Museum

CO-6

Arapahoe Philharmonic
Valor Christian High School
Littleton Town Hall Arts Center
Aurora History Museum
Voices West

CO-7

Golden History Museum
Colorado Dragon Boat Festival
Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum
Lakewood Symphony Orchestra
Friends of Dinosaur Ridge

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